

MONTANA STATE PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET

Meeting Date: December 18, 2013

Agenda Item: OHV Grants

Division: Parks **Action Needed:** Final

Time Needed on Agenda for this Presentation: 5 min.

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Background (Brief description of the issue, decision to be made, history, etc.):

At the October Parks Board meeting the proposed OHV grants for the current grant cycle were presented to the Board for tentative approval. At that time approval to proceed with the public comment process was granted.

The applications had previously been scored by staff and discussed at the scheduled meeting of the citizen's Off-Highway Advisory Committee (OHVAC) meeting on October 4th.

Public Involvement Process & Results (Brief description of the type of public involvement and summary of what we heard from the public):

Following the tentative approval by the Board at the October 17th meeting, public comments on the proposed OHV grant projects was solicited via the standard process for a 30-day period. A Press Release was issued on October 29th notifying the public of the comment opportunity. The State Parks website was updated to provide the public an opportunity to provide comments through November 28th, either on-line, by mail, and phone.

No public comments were received on the OHV grants for this cycle.

Alternatives and Analysis (Brief description of alternative solutions with analysis of the pros and cons of each):

Alt. #1 – proceed with the award of the OHV grant award projects for the current grant cycle as proposed.

Alt. #2 – not proceed with the award of the proposed OHV grants.

Agency Recommendation & Rationale (Brief description of our recommendation to the Board and the reasons for it):

Award the 11 OHV grants as scored, prioritized and, discussed with the citizen's OHVAC members, with a total funding amount of \$185,000 for the 2013/2014 grant cycle.

Proposed Motion (Draft language the Board could use to adopt the agency recommendation): I move the Board concur with the agency decision to award the \$185,000 in OHV grant funds.